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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH'S TRIP

REF: PEKING 0240

1. ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL CALLED IN HAN HSU AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 13 TO DISCUSS DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH'S PROPOSED VISIT TO PEKING. HUMMEL SAID THAT AT THE REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY AND DEPUTY SECRETARY, HE WAS FOLLOWING UP ON SECRETARY'S BRIEF MENTION OF THE POSSIBLE TRIP DURING PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH HAN HSU AND WE NOW WISHED TO PROVIDE DETAILS. HE OUTLINED ITINERARY TO OTHER COUNTRIES (NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, INDONESIA, THAILAND, SOUTH VIETNAM, PHILIPPINES) NOTED THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY WOULD BE TRAVELING IN SPECIAL MISSION AIRCRAFT, AND THAT PARTY WOULD BE 16-18 (INCLUDING MRS. RUSH AND HUMMEL) PLUS CREW. WE WOULD PROVIDE DETAILED NAMELIST FEBRUARY 14 (SEPTTEL). IF CONVENIENT TO PRC, AIRCRAFT WOULD LEAVE MANILA AFTER-NOON MARCH 8 AND PROCEED TO PEKING VIA SHANGHAI, ARRIVING IN PEKING EVENING MARCH 8 AND LEAVING ABOUT 9 A.M. MARCH 11

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VIA SHANGHAI FOR US. HUMMEL SAID THAT SECRETARY AND DEPUTY SECRETARY HOPED LATTER COULD HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH "APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS" IN PEKING.

2. HUMMEL REGRETTED SHORT NOTICE. HE SAID THAT SINCE DEPUTY SECRETARY WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 23, WE HOPED TO HAVE REPLY BY FEBRUARY 21, NOTING THAT IT WOULD BE AWKWARD IF FULL ITINERARY COULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

3. HAN HSU SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO PEKING BUT OTHERWISE DID NOT COMMENT.

4. PENDING PRC RESPONSE, USLO SHOULD NOT INITIATE DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT WITH MFA, BUT WE SUGGEST USLO PROCEED WITH CLOSE-HOLD INTERNAL PLANNING. KISSINGER

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